

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Health Medical and Family Welfare - Strengthening of Public Health System in the Tribal-Sub Plan Areas of the State – Provision of mobility for the transport of pregnant women, sick children, referred children from Jawahar Bala Arogya Raksha School health camps and other patients who require emergency medical care - Release of Funds for strengthening the Health Care Services – Orders – Issued.

**HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (D1) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt. No. 799**

**Dated:25-05-2012**

**Read:**

From the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad,  
Letter No.4564/CHFW/JD(TH)/2011, dated 23-09-2011.

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**ORDER:**

Government is determined to provide quality health and services to all sections of Society particularly to those who are living in remote and difficult areas. The Scheduled Tribe population, especially those living in the Tribal-sub-plan areas, have substantially higher Infant Mortality (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rates (MMR). Moreover, during the current year, i.e., 2012 the ITDA areas have been reporting high incidence of Malaria, Gastro-enteritis and other infectious diseases. The situation is compounded by the shortage of human resources, lack of effective communication, infrastructure and inadequate facilities for quality health care in the Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres, in view of the scattered habitations in difficult terrain under each PHC and HSCs respectively. There is a very much need to address the issue appropriately to achieve health related MDGs.

2. Government have decided to launch a comprehensive programme of action for strengthening the health care system in the tribal areas of the State. While a number of measures are being taken in this direction, the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare and Mission Director, NRHM are identified certain gaps and necessity to take immediate action to provide effective services under Jawahar Bala Arogya Raksha, Mother and Child Health Services, and Emergency health care for the School Children and the other patients who require emergency medical care. Further, in the letter read above, the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare has also made certain suggestions.

3. It is identified that limitations of existing Emergency medical transportation and high cost of private medical transportation are the major causes for inability to access the health facilities in tribal areas. It is also identified that an effective referral system is to be developed for School Health- Referral Cases, maternal & infant care in the tribal areas to promote the institutional deliveries, and the provision of emergency medical care. Further establishment of Tribal Health Cell at selected District / Teaching hospitals is essential. Hence it is proposed to release necessary funds from NRHM to the ITDAs to enable them to organize effective referral system supported by additional transport facility that would contribute to sustainable strengthening of health care delivery system, especially maternal and child health services and for school health program implementation in these areas.

4. The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare has requested the Government to accord administrative sanction for release of funds to the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare as indicated in the table below along with guidelines, for providing hired vehicles:

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Unit cost per annum</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Hired vehicle , one per Mandal head quarter PHCs	Rs 18,000 X 12 months	121	Rs 261.36 lakh

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5. The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare shall provide :

- (A) 'Dollicarriers' to transport pregnant women, sick infants and emergency cases, from habitation, which are not accessible by the road to the load point from where the patient can be picked up by the vehicles and payment to them in the form of wage loss compensation as per NREGS norms; and
- (B) to utilise 108 call facility for this emergency transport vehicles, so that they can direct the call where ever 108 vehicle is not available.

6. The Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs. 2.47 crores based on approved monthly hire charges of private vehicles to meet the expenditure as stated at para 5 above along with the following guidelines.

A). The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare is authorized to release the above amount to the Commissioner of Tribal welfare from the funds available under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) based on the need.

B). The funds shall be distributed to the Project Officers of the concerned ITDAs by the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare based on the number of Tribal Mandals covered by each ITDA.

7. The Project Officers of ITDAs concerned shall utilise the amount duly following the guidelines below:

- a. The Project Officer, ITDA is responsible for the proper use of funds released in this order. The PO shall utilize this amount for Hiring and positioning of a vehicle at Mandal Headquarter PHC for the transportation of High risk pregnancy cases, new born, tribal School children & other patients who require immediate emergency health services. PO ITDA shall involve Mandal Mahila Samakhya, Medical Officer of Mandal Headquarter Primary health centre, Community Health Officer or Multipurpose Health Extension Officer in hiring and positioning of vehicles.
- b. The Project Director, ITDA shall not utilise this money for hiring staff, payment of wages and salaries, purchase of vehicles or equipment, construction of new buildings, organising shandy clinics and general feel-good health camps (specialist screening camps however are permitted), etc.
- c. This amount shall not be adjusted against the expenditure incurred, if any by the ITDA, in the past for providing health services to the tribals. The expenditure shall strictly be for prospective activities and not for retrospective expenditure.
- d. The Project Director, ITDA shall deposit this amount in a separate account titled 'ITDA Health Society Account' only, which shall be jointly operated by the PO, ITDA and the Additional / Deputy DM&HO concerned. All funds shall be released through cheques or through online transfer.
- e. The ITDA shall maintain separate ledgers (double entry system) for the funds released and follow the standard accounting procedures and adhere to the prudent financial management system.
- f. The Project Director, ITDA is required to submit detailed Statement of Expenditure (SoE) along with the Utilisation Certificate to the Commissioner of Tribal welfare- with a copy to the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare - every month on or before 5th day of the following month.
- g. The office of the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare shall consolidate and submit utilization certificate and Statement of expenditure every month by 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month to the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare.

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8. The hired vehicle shall be positioned at Mandal Headquarter Primary Health Centre, Mandal Mahila Samakhya / Medical Officer, Community Health Officer, Multipurpose Health Extension Officer of the PHC shall ensure the maintenance of the Vehicle log book, Service delivery register with signatures of the beneficiaries.

9. All the Officers involved should strictly follow the extant Rules, Regulations and guidelines and those under issue and ensure adherence of Sound Finance Management System.

10. The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare and Missioner Director, NRHM shall oversee and monitor the implementation of the scheme to achieve anticipated outcomes as per NRHM objectives.

11. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare shall take immediate necessary action for release of funds from NRHM to the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare and operationalise the emergency medical care services at the earliest. He is also directed to ensure that there is no duplication with APERP expenditure.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.NO.30807/199/A1/Expr.M&H.II/11, Dt.18.1.2012.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**K.R. KISHORE  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad

**Copy to :**

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Tribal Welfare  
Department

The Commissioner of Tribal Welfare, Samkshema Bhavan, Hyderabad

The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of APVVP, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Medical Education, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Managing Director of APHSMIDC, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Institute of Preventive Medicine, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of IIH & FW

The Director of SPMU / SPIU, O/o. the CH&FW, Koti, A.P. Hyderabad.

The District Collector of the Districts concerned.

The Project Officers of ITDAs in the State.

The DM&HO and DCHS of the Districts concerned

The Regional Directors of Health Services

The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister (DK)

The OSD to Minister (H&FW)

The OSD to Minister (PR)

The OSD to Minister, Tribal Welfare

The OSD to Minister for Municipal Administration.

The PS to Special Chief Secretary, HM&FW Dept.,

The PS to Principal Secretary, HM&FW Dept.,

SF/SC.

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